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Four Opioid Overdoses in 10 Days

On January 13, 2017 at approximately 11:15PM, Lake County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the 31200 block of North Route 45, unincorporated Libertyville, for an overdose. This is the fourth opioid overdose sheriff's deputies responded to in the past 10 days.

Lake County Sheriff's Deputy Craig Somerville and Deputy Kevin Tietz arrived and located a 30 year-old man, with no pulse and not breathing. Deputies assessed the scene and gathered information indicating the man was suffering from an opioid overdose. Deputy Somerville began CPR and Deputy Tietz administered two doses of Naloxone to the man. Grayslake Paramedics arrived at the scene and the man began regaining consciousness and started breathing on his own. He was transported to a local hospital and is expected to recover.

Sheriff Mark Curran said, "This is another example of our sheriff's deputies taking quick, decisive action and saving another life. Members of the Lake County Sheriff's Office have saved over 25 lives to opioid overdose since the Naloxone program began just over two years ago. While I am grateful for the lives saved we are currently in an opioid epidemic and are losing far too many lives to opioids."

Undersheriff Ray Rose said, "This is the fourth overdose we responded to in the last ten days. We saved three lives and one person died. This is a major community-wide problem. Overdose from opioids has become far too common and exactly why treatment is a critical component. We as a community have to ensure those suffering from opioid addiction receive proper treatment to end this epidemic."

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